

BOOK NOTICE

FLORA OF CHINA EDITORIAL COMMITTEE. 2008 (December). **Flora of China, Vol. 7. Menispermaceae through Capparaceae.** (ISBN Vol. 7: 978-1-930723-81-8, hbk.). Science Press (Beijing) and Missouri Botanical Garden Press (St. Louis), P.O. Box 299, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-0299, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.mbgpress.org, mbgpress@mobot.org, 1-877-271-1930). \$125.00, 499 pp., 8 3/4" × 11 1/4".

From the publishers.—“Eleven plant families are described in this volume. Among these, the Capparaceae include the caper (*Capparis spinosa*); the Lauraceae include the main source of camphor (*Cinnamomum camphora*), the spices cassia (*C. cassia*) and cinnamon (*C. verum*), and the cultivated bay laurel (*Laurus nobilis*); the Magnoliaceae include the Asian tulip tree (*Liriodendron chinense*), found only in China and Vietnam, and some 110 species of magnolias that are treated either in 12 separate genera or all in *Magnolia*; the Myristicaceae include the source of nutmeg and mace (*Myristica fragrans*); and the Papaveraceae include the horticulturally important poppies, *Meconopsis* and *Papaver*, as well as the very diverse genus *Corydalis*, which has 357 species in China.”

Editors Wu Zhengyi, Peter H. Raven, and Hong Deyuan state, “[This] is the 16th of the 24 text volumes in the series. It includes 11 families, 95 genera, and 1226 species, among which four genera and 778 species (64%) are endemic to China, and eight genera and 16 species (1.3%) are introduced to China.” The families covered are (in alphabetical order): Calycanthaceae, Capparaceae, Cleomaceae, Hernandiaceae, Illiciaceae, Lauraceae, Magnoliaceae, Menispermaceae, Myristicaceae, Papaveraceae, and Schisandraceae. Also included in the text: Preface, Introduction, Acknowledgments, List of Nomenclatural Novelties Published in this Volume of the *Flora of China*, Index to Chinese Names, Index to Pinyin Names, Index to Scientific Names, Index to Families in the *Flora of China* and the *Flora Reipublicae Popularis Sinicae*, and Published Volumes of the *Flora of China* and the *Flora of China Illustrations*. A large map of China and its 35 Administrative Divisions is printed on both the inside front cover/front endpaper and the inside back cover/back endpaper.